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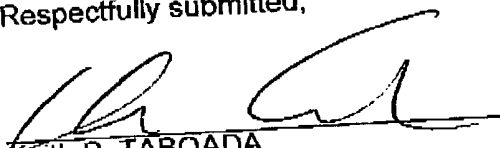
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The Applicants request information regarding the status of the above-referenced patent application. It has been 3 months since the Response to Final Office Action was filed on May 21, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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